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In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/005,793

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: November 2, 2001

Examiner: L. Di Nola Baron

For: USE OF OLIGOSACCHARIDE FOR PREVENTING BLOOD CLOTTING IN
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD CIRCUITS

Divisional of: USSN 09/424,626, filed November 24, 1999

Preliminary AmendmentAssistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 28, 2003

Dear Sir:

Further in reply to the Final Office Action issued November 5, 2002, Applicants submit with the RCE filed concurrently herewith this Preliminary Amendment.

Submitted herewith is a petition and fee to extend the date for responding by one month to June 5, 2003.

In the claims please cancel claim 1 and replace claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 with new claims 11, 12, 15 and 16 as follows: